

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 GENEVA 05175 241825Z
ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 FEA-01 AGRE-00 CEA-01 CIAE-00
COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-03 H-01 INR-07 INT-05 L-03
LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 EPG-02 AID-05 SS-15
STR-04 ITC-01 TRSE-00 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 OMB-01
AF-10 ARA-10 EA-07 EUR-12 NEA-10 OIC-02 /140 W
-----078281 242335Z /63

R 241606Z JUN 77
FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8591

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 5175

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: GATT ETRD
SUBJ: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

REF: STATE 143907

SUMMARY. COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT MET JUNE 22 IN LOW-KEY, ONE-DAY MEETING. GATT SECRETARIAT DIRECTED TO PREPARE FACTUAL BACKGROUND NOTE ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING.

1. IN SPARSELY ATTENDED, SOMNOLENT SESSION, MOST LDC'S APPEARED TO READ FROM SAME SCRIPT AS PREVIOUS MEETING. GENERAL THEME WITH VARIATIONS EXPRESSED BY BRAZIL, INDIA, JAMAICA, NIGERIA, MALAYSIA, AND GHANA WAS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER CONTINUING LACK OF PROGRESS IN MTN, PARTICULARLY AFTER HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF LONDON SUMMIT, NEED FOR BRINGING S&D, ESPECIALLY PREFERENCES, INTO BODY OF GATT, DISPLEASURE AT THE FAILURE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO THE STANDSTILL PROVISION OF PART IV BY INCREASING RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRY EXPORTS, AND THE NEED FOR IMPROVED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER PART IV. MALAYSIA LEVIED MEETING'S
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 GENEVA 05175 241825Z

ONLY DIRECT COMPLAINT AT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED FRENCH TEXTILE RESTRAINTS, NOTING THE GATT ILLEGALITY OF DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX AND RHECTORICALLY ASKING SECRETARIAT WHAT GATT WAS GOING TO DO ABOUT THE SITUATION. U.S. RECEIVED PERFUNCTORY CHIDING OVER INSISTENCE ON LDC CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS, WE OFFERED USUAL PLATITUDES, DOUBTED IF THERE HAD BEEN A NET INCREASE IN RESTRAINTS ON LDC EXPORTS, RESTATED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO MFN PRINCIPLE AND REPEATED U.S. POSITION ON LDC CONTRI-

BUTION IN THE MTN.

3. ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER PART IV, CHAIR'S (HAMZA OF EGYPT) RECOMMENDATION THAT GROUP DISCUSS NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND THAT THE SECRETARIAT PERPARE A BACKGROUND NOTE WAS IN DANGER OF DYING FROM LACK OF ATTENTION UNTIL BRAZIL (IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES NEED NOT CONFLICT WITH MTN NEGOTIATION OF NEW NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES) AND MALAYSIA (WE NEED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON EACH RESTRICTIVE ITEM IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE TRADE IMPACT) RESCUED IT. OTHER LDC'S THEN SUPPORTED IDEA AND MALAYSIA SUGGESTED THAT GATT SECRETARIAT ALSO UNDERTAKE TO SUPPLY MORE INFORMATION (SUCH AS TRADE AND TARIFF DATA) THAN ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED ON EACH RESTRICTION.

4. EC SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA AND CANADA THOUGHT EXISTING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES ADEQUATE, AND THAT CONSULTATION PROCEDURES UNDER PART IV AND OTHER DISPUTE SETTLEMENT ASPECTS OF THE GATT ASSURED THAT ANY IMPORTANT TRADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 GENEVA 05175 241825Z

PROBLEMS WOULD BE CONSIDERED SOMEWHERE IN THE GATT. EC DISLIKED SELF-INCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF MORE DETAILED PROCEDURES BUT CANADA THOUGHT CONFESSION "GOOD FOR THE SOUL." NORWAY REMINDED THE LDC'S THAT THE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER PART IV ALLOWED AFFECTED PARTIES TO MAKE NOTIFICATIONS AND THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE PROCESS COULD BE BETTER UTILIZED. U.S. STATED OUR INTEREST IN IMPROVED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN GENERAL AS EVIDENCED BY OUR PROPOSALS IN MTN BUT QUESTIONED NEED FOR GROUP TO DUPLICATE WORK OF NEGOTIATING ROUPS. GROUP DECIDED TO REVERT TO QUESTION AT NEXT MEETING ON THE BASIS OF A SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND NOTE SUMMARIZING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER PART IV AND SUGGESTIONS MADE IN THE GROUP.

5. COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS OTHER THAN IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV WERE SPARSE. LDC'S GAVE CUSTOMARY KUDOS TO GATT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND A FEW LDC'S (MALAYSIA, JAMAICA, INDIA, TURKEY) ENCOURAGED INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE AND THE NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE PROTOCOL FOR TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CANADA NOTED THAT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT ON MTN DID NOT

MENTION SECTORS AND ERRONEOUSLY STATED THAT FRAMEWORK GROUP
HAD AN AGREED WORK PROGRAM. CANADA ALSO REPEATED ITS RESER-
VATION AGAINST EXPORT RESTRAINTS BEING CONSIDERED IN
THE QR GROUP, WHILE SWITZERLAND STATED THAT IT IS TIME
FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO THINK OF CONTRIBUTIONS
THEY CAN MAKE DURING THE COURSE OF THE MTN. UNCTAD
OBSERVER MADE BRIEF, UNINFORMATIVE STATUS REPORT ON UNCTAD
PROGRAM TO OMPLEMENT RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS
AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.SORENSEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE, COMMITTEES, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 24-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977GENEVA05175
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770227-0442
Format: TEL
From: GENEVA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770620/aaaaarht.tel
Line Count: 124
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 9b634977-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 143907
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2039107
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
TAGS: ETRD, GATT
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/9b634977-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009